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**Robert S. Lasnik**

Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1951  
 Education: Brandeis 1972 AB; Northwestern 1973 MS, 1974 MA;  
 U Washington 1978 JD  
 Began Service: December 2, 1998  
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Lecturer, School of Law, University of Washington (1980)

**Government:** Deputy Prosecutor, Office of the Prosecutor, Criminal Division, County of King, Washington (1978-1981); Senior Deputy Prosecutor, Office of the Prosecutor, County of King, Washington (1981-1983); Chief of Staff, Office of the Prosecutor, County of King, Washington (1983-1990)

**Judicial:** Judge, Washington Superior Court, King County (1990-1998)

**Current Memberships:** Washington State Bar Association

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**Barbara Jacobs Rothstein**  
 District Judge

Date of Birth: 1939  
 Education: Cornell 1960 BA; Harvard 1966 LLB  
 Began Service: February 20, 1980  
 Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

**Affiliation:** Director, Federal Judicial Center  
**Academic:** Faculty, Washington (1975-1977)

**Chambers of District Judge Barbara J. Rothstein continued**

**Government:** Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, State of Washington (1969-1977)

**Judicial:** Judge, King County Superior Court (1977-1980); Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Washington (1987-1994)

**Legal Practice:** Widett & Kruger (1966-1968)

**Current Memberships:** American Association of Justice; American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation, American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; The American Law Institute; King County Bar Association; Massachusetts Bar Association, Inc.; National Association of Women Judges; Washington State Bar Association

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**Marsha J. Pechman**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1951  
 Education: Cornell 1973 BA; Boston U 1976 JD  
 Began Service: October 4, 1999  
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Instructor and Staff Attorney, School of Law, University of Washington (1979-1981); Adjunct Faculty, School of Law, University of Washington (1983-1987); Visiting Clinical Professor, University of Puget Sound (1986-1987)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk/Limited Practice Intern, Greater Boston Legal Services (1975-1976)

**Government:** Deputy Prosecutor, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of King, Washington (1976-1979)

**Judicial:** Superior Court Judge, King County Superior Court (1988-1999)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Levinson, Friedman, Vhugen, Duggan, Bland & Horowitz (1981-1986); Partner, Levinson, Friedman, Vhugen, Duggan, Bland & Horowitz (1987-1988)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Judges Association; King County Bar Association; Washington State Bar Association

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**Ronald B. Leighton**  
 District Judge

Date of Birth: May 30, 1951  
 Education: Whitworth 1973 BA; Hastings 1976 JD  
 Began Service: November 26, 2002  
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell, Malanca, Peterson & Daheim L.L.P. (1976-2002)

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**James L. Robart**

District Judge

Date of Birth: September 2, 1947  
 Education: Whitman 1969 BA; Georgetown 1973 JD  
 Began Service: June 28, 2004  
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Affiliation:** Chairman, Board of Trustees, Whitman College

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Lane Powell Spears Lubersky LLP (1973-1997); Managing Partner, Lane Powell Spears Lubersky LLP (1998-2004)

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**Benjamin Hale Settle**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
 Education: Claremont McKenna 1969 BA; Willamette 1972 JD  
 Began Service: July 9, 2007  
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Don Miles Attorneys (1972); Associate, Don Miles Attorneys (1976-1977); Member, Settle & Johnson, P.L.L.C. (1997-2007)

**Military Service:** CPT, United States Army Reserve, United States Department of Defense (1973-1975)

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**Ricardo S. Martinez**  
 District Judge

Date of Birth: June 23, 1951  
 Education: U Washington 1975 BS, 1980 JD  
 Began Service: June 2004  
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Judicial:** King County Superior Court (1990-1998); Federal Magistrate Judge (1998-2004)

**Legal Practice:** King County Prosecutor's Office (1980-1990)

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**Richard A. Jones**

District Judge

Education: Seattle 1972 BPA; U Washington 1975 JD  
 Began Service: October 29, 2007  
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Government:** Community Liaison Officer, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of King, Washington (1975-1977); Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of King, Washington (1977-1978); Staff Attorney, Port of Seattle (1978-1983); Assistant United States Attorney, Washington - Western District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice (1988-1994)

**Judicial:** Judge, King County Superior Court, County of King, Washington (1994-2007)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Bogle & Gates (1983-1988)